(*d*) The ryots have to complete their portion of the work according to the Ryots' Road Rules, but steps are being taken to see if the road, as it exists, can be taken up under departmental maintenance.

Perumchani Reservoir Scheme.

28 * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been so far made in regard to the working of the Perunchani Reservoir Scheme ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : The foundation excavation of the right flank of the dam has been completed and the excavation is being continued on the other flank. Collection of large quantities of materials has been effected. The construction of staff quarters and cooly lines has been completed. At Pechipara strengthening the earthen bund at the gaps has been completed and grouting of masonry dam is in progress. About 100 feet of the Thripparappu Pick-up weir have been concreted. The final channel alignment has been made.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know the time within which the scheme is proposed to be completed ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : It is proposed to be completed in another 2 years.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know the taluks which will be benefited by the completion of the scheme ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Vilavancode, Kalkulam and Agasteeswaram taluks.

Alternative route through the Varkala Barrier.

29 * **Mr. K. Shahul Hameed :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. are investigating the possibilities of providing an alternative route through the Varkala Barrier for heavy canal transport ;

(*b*) whether the investigations have been completed ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have sanctioned any of their proposals ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : May I know the necessity for such a diversion ?

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